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Following message received from Torbert Salzburg re DEPTTEL 3400:

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"No hearing held Salzburg will remain confidential one hour after first invitation issued. Strongly urge inadvisability. Compromise proposal might be move selected refugees from Austria to Munich but disadvantages believed outweigh advantages even here".

We agree it will be impossible to keep hearings confidential. However, if they are held by US agency on US premises, witnesses are all non-Austrians and Austrian Government and nationals are in no way involved, we doubt that Soviets will use hearings as pretext for causing serious difficulties.

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